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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request clarification of the status of the above-referenced patent application. To date, the Patent and Trademark Office has not issued a First Office Action.

Applicants believe that no fee is due at this time; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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